

REMARKS

Request for Reconsideration

Applicants have carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remain of the opinion that patentable subject matter is present. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the above amendments to the claims, the attached Terminal Disclaimer and the following remarks.

Claim Status

Claims 1-14 had been cancelled while Claims 15-31 are pending and under examination.

Claim 23 has been amended herein so as to correct an obvious typographical error in the ratio (V_s/V_p). No other claims have been amended.

Obvious-type Double Patenting Rejection

Claims 15-31 have been rejected under the judicially created Doctrine of Obviousness-type Double Patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-14 of U.S. Patent No. 6,717,602.

In order to overcome this Double Patenting Rejection, a Terminal Disclaimer is presented herein. Respectfully, in light of the Terminal Disclaimer, Applicants have overcome the Obviousness-type Double Patenting Rejection.

Conclusion

In view of the foregoing and the enclosed, it is respectfully submitted that the present Application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. PTO 2038 is enclosed herewith authorizing payment of the appropriate Terminal Disclaimer Fee. However, should any further fees or extensions of time be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending

condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and
authorization is given to debit account #02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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